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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 3

Introduced by Assembly Members Nava and Evans

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(Coauthors: Senators Hancock, Lowenthal, Pavley, Price, Wiggins, and Yee)

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to ~~campaign finance reform~~ *offshore oil drilling*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 3, as amended, Nava. Offshore oil drilling.

This measure would memorialize the Legislature's support of legislation currently pending in the United States Congress that would protect the Pacific Coast from new offshore oil drilling. This measure would also memorialize the Legislature's opposition to the proposed

expansion of oil and gas drilling off the Pacific Coast and any federal energy policies and legislation that would weaken California's role in energy siting decisions due to those policies.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Prior to 2009, a bipartisan consensus in the
2 Congress of the United States protected the California coastline
3 from expanded offshore drilling for over 27 years; and

4 WHEREAS, The tragic and destructive oil rig explosion and
5 subsequent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which led to the death
6 of 11 workers and millions of gallons of oil spilled into the sea, is
7 a grim reminder of the risks associated with oil drilling; and

8 WHEREAS, Following the infamous January 29, 1969, oil spill
9 that resulted in the spillage of 3.2 million gallons of crude oil and
10 fouled Santa Barbara County's ocean beaches, Californians became
11 even more wary about offshore oil drilling, spurring the passage
12 of additional oil and gas leasing prohibitions in 1969, 1970, and
13 1971; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1994, the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of
15 1994 (Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 6240) of Part 1 of
16 Division 6 of the Public Resources Code) became law, creating a
17 comprehensive statewide coastal sanctuary that prohibits, in
18 perpetuity, future oil and gas leasing in state waters, from Mexico
19 to the Oregon border, and that adds leases to the sanctuary as they
20 are quitclaimed to the state; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition, the protection of California's
22 spectacular 1,100-mile coastline is of the utmost importance to a
23 number of our state's coastal and ocean-dependent industries,
24 including tourism and commercial fishing, which contributed over
25 \$50 billion to California's economy in 2003; and

26 WHEREAS, California's ocean waters are also home to four
27 important sanctuaries, that are, by definition, areas of special
28 conservation, with recreational, ecological, historical, cultural,
29 archaeological, scientific, educational, and aesthetic qualities and
30 are particularly sensitive to the impacts of oil development; and

31 WHEREAS, Additional offshore oil leasing and production
32 would degrade the quality of our air and water and adversely impact
33 our marine resources, including the use of seismic surveys that
34 could severely impact marine mammals, including threatened and

1 endangered species such as the blue *whale* and the humpback
2 whale; and

3 WHEREAS, Offshore oil development poses a serious risk of
4 oil spills, especially with the introduction of deepwater drilling
5 technologies and floating oil storage and processing vessels,
6 thereby threatening marine ecosystems, and could have devastating
7 effects on the southern sea otter, listed as a threatened species since
8 1997, as well as onshore wildlife, birds, and their habitats in the
9 ocean, in estuaries, and on beaches; and

10 WHEREAS, Offshore oil development also leads to the
11 industrialization of the shoreline, creating land use conflicts,
12 visually degrading coastal areas, damaging coastal habitat, and
13 posing potentially life-threatening public safety risks; and

14 WHEREAS, The further development of nonrenewable resources
15 that degrade our air, water, and land is contrary to our state's goals
16 of reducing emissions that cause global warming, improving air
17 quality, and increasing the use of renewable energy; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
20 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
21 respectfully opposes any proposed expansion of oil and gas drilling
22 off the Pacific Coast and any federal energy policies and legislation
23 that would weaken California's legitimate role in energy siting
24 decisions due to the threat posed by those policies and legislation
25 to the integrity of California's coastal and ocean-dependent tourism
26 and fishing economies and the consolidation of project review
27 authority with the federal government; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California supports
29 legislation currently pending in the United States Congress that
30 would protect the Pacific Coast from any new offshore oil drilling;
31 and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
34 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each
35 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
36 United States, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to the author
37 for appropriate distribution.

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